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SUBJECT: BASE NEGOTIATIONS  
FROM HOLBROOKE FOR AMB MURPHY;CINCPAC FOR ADM WEISNER ONLY  
I HAVE JUST READ YOUR ACCOUNT OF YOUR LONG TALK WITH ENRILE,  
WHICH I FOUND INTERESTING. LET ME SHED SOME LIGHT ON SOME  
OF HIS STATEMENTS.

1. I AM DELIGHTED THAT HE NOW FEELS THAT HE WAS IN FAVOR  
OF THE PHRASE "MUTUAL BENEFIT," BECAUSE IN FACT HE OPPOSED  
IT ALMOST AS BITTERLY AS HE OPPOSED (SUCCESSFULLY) THE  
EARLIER PHRASE "MUTUAL SECURITY." THAT DEBATE, OF COURSE,  
WAS THE MOST REVEALING ONE WE HAD EVER HAD WITH ENRILE  
BECAUSE OF THE FIERCENESS OF THE POSITION THAT HE TOOK.

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2. THE OVERALL TONE OF YOUR TALK WAS VERY ENCOURAGING.  
I HOPE THAT YOU CAN FIND WAYS TO CONVINCE HIM OF OUR  
GREAT RESPECT AND AFFECTION FOR HIM; NO ONE THOUGHT HIM A  
"BAD ACTOR," BUT SEVERAL OF US, INCLUDING MORT AND MYSELF,  
WERE VISIBLY SHOCKED AT HIS UNHELPLEFULNESS DURING THE VICE-  
PRESIDENT'S TRIP. WE STILL VALUE HIM AND WANT TO WORK  
CLOSELY WITH HIM. YOUR TALK IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN THAT

DIRECTION.

3. IT COMES AT A TIME WHEN WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE SLOW BUT STEADY PROGRESS OF THE MILITARY-TO-MILITARY TALKS. CLEARLY THAT IDEA--WHICH I DO NOT RECALL COMING FROM ENRILE, BY THE WAY--HAD GREAT MERIT. KEEPING THE CIVILIANS OUT OF THE ACTION HAS DEFINITELY MADE THE DISCUSSIONS MORE SERIOUS AND LESS CONTENTIOUS. (FOR ADMIRAL WEISNER: I REFER ONLY TO THE NON-AMERICAN CIVILIANS, OF COURSE.)

4. MRS. MARCOS IS NOW IN NEW YORK AFTER HER TRIP TO MOSCOW. I HAVE CALLED BUT NOT YET REACHED HER. IF I SPEAK TO HER, I WILL OFFER TO GO TO NEW YORK TO SEE HER, BUT I WILL DEFER ANY CONSIDERATION OF HER MEETING WITH ANYONE HERE (SHE HAS INFORMALLY SOUNDED US OUT ABOUT SEEING THE VICE PRESIDENT) UNTIL THEN. ALEX MELCHOR, ALSO HERE, IS STAYING IN THE SAME APARTMENT BUILDING THAT I LIVE IN, AND HAS INVITED ME TO DINNER TOMORROW NIGHT. ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT YOU MAY HAVE IN REGARD TO EITHER VISITOR WOULD BE WELCOME. WARM REGARDS. CHRISTOPHER

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